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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE OPENING OF UK LIAISON OFFICE IN RHODESIA

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1. IDEA OF OPENING SOME FORM OF LIAISON OFFICE IN RHODESIA HAS BEEN INTERMITTENTLY PUSHED BY THE BRITISH IN THE PAST. THE RHODESIAN REGIME AND OTHER WHITES CLEARLY WOULD WELCOME IT. WE HAVE RESISTED, SEEING NO BENEFITS TO BE GAINED THAT WOULD OUTWEIGH THE POTENTIAL LEGITIMIZING EFFECT FOR THE SMITH REGIME THAT A UK PRESENCE, IN ANYTHING BUT A GOVERNING ROLE, WOULD HAVE.

2. IN THEORY, WE CAN SEE NOTHING WRONG WITH A LIAISON OFFICE AFTER RPT AFTER THE RHODESIAN REGIME ACCEPTS THE SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THE OFFICE COULD ACT AS THE PRECURSOR OF THE RESIDENT
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COMMISSIONER'S APPARATUS AND COULD HELP NEGOTIATE THE DETAILS OF SMITH'S STEPDOWN AND, AT THE SAME TIME, OFFER REASSURANCE TO WHITES. SHOULD, HOWEVER, THE RHODESIAN REGIME REJECT THE PROPOSALS WE WOULD SEE NO VALUE IN ESTABLISHING AN OFFICIAL UK PRESENCE.

3. DEPT SUGGESTS THAT YOU PASS SUBSTANCE OF ABOVE TO

GRAHAM AND IF YOU FEEL IT NECESSARY MAKE THE OBVIOUS
POINT THAT WE EXPECT TO BE CONSULTED FURTHER
BEFORE THE UK MAKES ANY DECISION TO ESTABLISH REPRESENTATION IN RHODESIA. CHRISTOPHER

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